

House Resolution No. 179

Whereas, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Robert Brian “Bobby” Benton, Jr., who passed to his eternal reward on January 19, 2004; and

Whereas, Bobby Benton came into this world in Wichita, Kansas, on September 28, 1974, as the eldest son born to proud and loving parents Robert Brian and Janet Marie Lies Benton, who welcomed him into their lives as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Bobby Benton grew up in Wichita and graduated from Southeast High School, where he distinguished himself as president of his senior class and as a Kansas State Scholar; and

Whereas, Bobby Benton joined the Delta Upsilon fraternity at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, from which he graduated cum laude with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in 1996; and

Whereas, the Executive Vice President of Community Bank of Shell Knob, Bobby Benton was a dedicated community servant and great believer in the American dream of owning and operating his own business; and

Whereas, Bobby Benton was Rajah of the Shell Knob Shrine Club, Past Ring Club President of Abou Ben Adhem Temple in Springfield, and a member of Central Crossing Lodge #674 of Shell Knob and the Scottish Rite Valley of Joplin of Abou Ben Adhem Temple; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his grandfather, Barney B. Benton, Sr., and his grandmother, Mary Ann Lies, Bobby Benton leaves behind to cherish his memory his parents, Robert B. Benton, Sr., of Shell Knob, and Janet Benton-Moss of Wichita, Kansas; his stepmother, Donna Benton of Shell Knob; his two brothers, Daniel Benton and Andrew Benton, both of Wichita, Kansas; his sister-in-law, Christine Benton; his stepbrother and his wife, Ryan and Tara Boyle of Joplin; his grandmother, Only B. Benton of Shell Knob; his grandfather, Albert F. Lies of Wichita, Kansas; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Bobby Benton, a remarkable gentleman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the distinct privilege of knowing and loving him; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in loving memory of the late Robert Brian Benton, Jr.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry Gene Taylor
District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 179, adopted January 22, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker